

Remarks

The foregoing amendments are intended to place the application in condition for allowance. Rejected claims 14-19 and 21-24 are hereby cancelled. Claim 4 is amended to correct a typographical error.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 1-9 and 11-13.

Applicants respectfully submit that the cancellation of rejected claims 14-19 and 21-24 renders moot the rejection of those claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) in view of Gabas, and therefore request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendment and allowance of the application are respectfully requested. Should any issues remain that would preclude the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone during normal business hours.

Respectfully submitted,

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